

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and objections and further examination are requested.

The specification and abstract have been reviewed and revised to make a number of editorial revisions thereto. Further, the abstract has been amended so as to address the objection set forth in the Office Action. A substitute specification and abstract including the revisions have been prepared and are submitted herewith. No new matter has been added. Also submitted herewith is a marked-up copy of the specification and abstract indicating the changes incorporated therein. As a result, withdrawal of the objection to the abstract is respectfully requested.

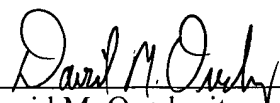
The drawings have been objected to as failing to include reference signs contained in the specification. Submitted herewith are replacement Figures 5 and 6 including reference signs 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b, and 3c. No new matter has been added by these revisions to Figures 5 and 6. As a result, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 and 5 have been objected to as containing a number of minor informalities. Further, claims 1 and 3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-10 have been canceled and are replaced with new claims 11-21. New claims 11-21 have been drafted taking into consideration the above-mentioned objection and rejection. As a result, withdrawal of the objection and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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